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1. Repairs, etc.a. RUS

The original completion date was scheduled for 30 November; however, this vessel will not be ready until 15 January 1952. Her normal crew is about 300 men but at present she has, in addition, an auxiliary crew so that the current total crew approximates 600 men, all of whom wear Russian naval uniforms with arm insignia indicating their rank. The RUS is expected to proceed to Murmansk upon the completion of her repairs. The repair work is at present confined to her engines.

b. SOVETSKI SOYUZ (HANSA)

This vessel has been almost completely stripped and the engines taken out and sent to Buckau-Wolf, Magdeburg (SAG AMO). The hull is watertight and has been painted a grey-blue color. The promenade deck and part of the superstructure have been stripped for repairs. The vessel is a passenger ship, but a large number of the cabins have been fitted with bunks in tiers of four bunks to each bulkhead. The vessel will not be completed until at least the spring of 1952. She has only a crew of 15 men at present, acting as watchmen, all of whom wear Russian naval uniforms.

YURI DOLETSKI (HAMBURG)

This vessel is a sister ship to the HANSA. The vessel arrived in the dock-
yard The ship
(like her sister ship) is being stripped and rebuilt. Cabins are being
fitted with bunks in tiers of four bunks per bulkhead. It is not known
when she will be completed. Fifteen men of the Russian Navy are acting
as watchmen.

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d. ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV (BERLIN)

This vessel weighs about 12,000 BRT and has a length similar to that of the RUS. Her beam measures about 2 m. more than that of the RUS but she has a similar freeboard. Her draft is about 8 m. The ship was salvaged off Usedom (Swinemünde) in July 1951. The hull has been scraped and red lead has been applied. Most of the superstructure has received similar treatment. It is not known what other repair work is planned except that the engines (steam) must be repaired. She has a crew of fifteen Russian naval personnel acting as watchmen.

e. YAKUTIA

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Weighing approximately 8,000 BRT, [redacted] she has [redacted] steam engines. She has been completely painted with red lead. Carpentry is the principal repair work required. It is planned that she carry passengers. The crew at present consists of about 15 men of the Russian Navy.

f. MURMANSK

This vessel returned from the Neptun Werft Rostock on 8 December, where men from the Warnow Werft were working on her. She weighs about 700 to 800 BRT, is 40 m. in length and has been converted to a hospital ship. The hull has been scraped, repaired, and painted with red lead. The engines are Diesel with a single propeller. She was originally procured [redacted] about 1918 and was then used by the Russians as a training ship for the merchant marine. She is guarded by about 10 men of the Russian Navy. 50X1-HUM

2. Shipbuilding

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Plans are being made to build fifty-three ships of the so-called Type 4 [redacted]. At present there is a prototype vessel of this type under construction. She is classed as a cargo vessel and is destined for the DDR merchant marine. The construction will take place in sections which will be welded together on a slip. The propeller, shaft, etc. are being separately constructed.

3. The dockyard

- a. Construction is planned, to be completed in 1952, of a dry dock capable of accommodating vessels of 3,000 BRT. A new slip is also planned to take vessels of 9,000 BRT.
- b. The dockyard harbor is to be dredged to an overall depth of 9 to 10 meters. At present there is a dredger (Saubagger) of the Waterways Administration (Wasserstrassendirektion) working in the area of the slips.
- c. The total personnel in the dockyard is 7,000 men.

4. Ships

- a. The following vessels have left the dockyard within recent months:

- 1) KARMELA, approximately 1,000 BRT (hospital ship) for Russia
- 2) LENKORAN, approximately 700 BRT (oil tanker) for Russia
- 3) AUSELIS, approximately 1,000 BRT (cargo vessel) for Russia

All these vessels had Russian naval personnel as crew.

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- b. Buckau-Wolf, Magdeburg, is at present building an experimental Diesel engine of 1,000 hp.
- c. There are three Diesel-engined R-Boats in the harbor, manned by Russian naval personnel. They are very closely guarded and civilians are not permitted near the boats. They are reported as having originally belonged to the Polish Navy, were captured [redacted] during the war, and then 50X1-HUM were taken over by the Russian Navy. They often patrol from 1000 hours until 0300 hours the next morning [redacted]. Enlisted men are accommodated in the Markgrafenheide, in barracks, and the officers, in private quarters. The senior officer in command of this flotilla is a captain (3 stars) and he sometimes accompanies the vessels on patrols.

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